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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

7 JUL 1980

FROM: DCI

I invited [redacted] to the dinner  
theater in Denver on the 31st. This is [redacted]  
Their address is [redacted]

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Would you call them sometime and tell them where and when to meet us  
along with [redacted]

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## Intelligence Failures

Given Jimmy Carter's amateurish response, the Cuban boat people took everyone in official Washington by surprise. Well, not quite everyone. The Central Intelligence Agency suspected the Cubans were coming. In January, the CIA advised Mr. Carter that a flood of refugees from Cuba seemed imminent. The agency predicted Fidel Castro would resort to mass emigration to rid Cuba of political dissidents and to relieve strains on Cuba's failing economy. Did Mr. Carter heed the CIA's prescient report? Apparently not. The Cuban exodus caught him off guard. Not only has he failed to translate the freedom flotilla into a propaganda plus for the West, but his policy regarding the refugees changes by the minute. By ignoring the CIA's Cuban information, Mr. Carter repeated past mistakes. The CIA also anticipated the hostage crisis. A month before Iran attacked the U.S. embassy in Tehran, the CIA: (1) predicted Iran would commit "acts of violence" against U.S. interests; (2) recommended increasing the detachment of the embassy's Marines from 16 to 200. If Mr. Carter had listened to the CIA, the hostages might never have been seized. Thus Mr. Carter continues to ignore the warnings of America's intelligence experts. Evidently he prefers the rose-colored views of the adolescents at the State Department and on the White House staff. The CIA has endured a barrage of body blows for alleged intelligence failures. But regarding Cuba and the hostages in Iran, the failure of intelligence belongs to Jimmy Carter alone.